



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

State Board of Health.

PROVISIONAL REGULATIONS

for preventing Slaughter Houses, Stock Yards, Hog-pens, Bone-boiling
and Fat-rendering and other similar establishments from being
or becoming prejudicial to the public health.

NUISANCES DEFINED.

1. Whatever is dangerous to human life or health, and whatever renders soil, air, water or food impure or unwholesome, are declared to be nuisances and to be illegal; and every person having aided in creating or contributing to the same, or who may support, continue or retain any of them, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of these Regulations, and shall also be liable for the expense of the abatement or remedy required.

HOUSE-REFUSE, GARBAGE, ETC.

2. No house-refuse, offal, garbage, dead animals, decaying vegetable matter, or organic waste substance of any kind, shall be thrown upon any street, road, ditch, gutter, or public place, and no putrid or decaying animal or vegetable matter shall be kept in any house, cellar or adjoining out-buildings for more than twenty-four hours. Violation of any of the provisions of this Regulation shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty dollars.

NOXIOUS TRADES

3. No person or company shall erect or maintain any manufactory or place of business dangerous to life or detrimental to health, or where unwholesome, offensive or deleterious odors, gas, smoke, deposit or exhalations are generated, without the permit of the Board of Health of the nearest city or borough, and all such establishments shall be kept clean and wholesome so as not to be offensive or prejudicial to Public Health nor shall any offensive or deleterious waste-substance, refuse or injurious matter be allowed to accumulate upon the premises or be thrown or allowed to run into any public waters, stream, watercourse, street, road or public place. And every person or company conducting such manufacture or business shall use the best approved and all reasonable means to prevent the escape of smoke, gases and odors, and to protect the health and safety of all operatives employed therein. Any violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each offence.

4. The business of bone and horse-boiling shall not be allowed, unless conducted under cover, the building to be provided with smoke-consumers, and a due regard be had to cleanliness in the disposition of the offal. No bone-boiling establishment or depository of dead animals shall be kept or erected in any part of this Commonwealth, which is not under the jurisdiction of a local Board of Health, without a permit from the Board of Health of the nearest city or borough.

5. No permit shall be granted to any person or persons to carry on the business of boiling bones and dead animals until after a careful inspection of the locality, buildings and apparatus, and of the plans for conducting the business, by an accredited Inspector of the State Board of Health.

6. No bone-boiling establishments or depositories of dead animals shall be kept or erected in or near to a thickly inhabited neighborhood.

7. The floors of all bone-boiling establishments and depositories of dead animals shall be paved with asphalt or with brick or stone, well laid in cement, or with some other impervious material, and shall be well drained. All such establishments shall have such an adequate water supply as will enable thorough cleanliness to be maintained.

8. The boiling of bones and dead animals, etc., shall be conducted in steam tight kettles, boilers or caldrons, from which the foul vapors shall first be conducted through scrubbers or condensers, and then into the back part of the ash-pit of the furnace fire, to be consumed, or by other apparatus equally efficient in preventing or counteracting the offensive effluvia.

9. When bones are being dried after boiling they shall be placed in a close chamber, through which shall be passed, by means of pipes, large volumes of fresh air, the outlet pipe terminating in the fire-pit.

10. All proprietors of bone-boiling establishments not having, on the first day of July, 1886, permits to carry on the business, and violating these Regulations, shall be fined fifty dollars for every such offence, and for each month's continuance of the same after notice, and also be liable to an indictment at common law for creating and maintaining a nuisance.

11. The Permit Clerk of each local Board of Health shall have provided a book in which to enter the names of all persons engaged in the business of boiling bones and having depositories of dead animals, also, the location of works and appliances as reported by the Inspector, whether licensed or not, the number and date of permit, and remarks.

12. No person or persons, without the consent of the Board of Health of the nearest city or borough shall build or use any slaughter house within the limits of this Commonwealth; and the keeping and slaughtering of all cattle, sheep and swine, and the preparation and keeping of all meat, fish, birds or other animal food, shall be in the manner best adapted to secure and continue their wholesomeness as food; and every butcher or other person owning, leasing or occupying any place, room or building wherein any cattle, sheep or swine have been, or are, killed or dressed, and every person being the owner, lessee or occupant of any room or stable wherein any animals are kept, or of any market, public or private, shall cause such place, room or building, stable or market, to be thoroughly cleansed and purified, and all offal, blood, fat, garbage, refuse and unwholesome and offensive matter to be removed therefrom at least once in every twenty-four hours after the use thereof for any of the purposes herein referred to, and shall also at all times keep all woodwork, save floors and counters, in any building, place or premises aforesaid thoroughly painted or whitewashed; and the floors of such building, place or premises shall be so constructed as to prevent blood or foul liquids or washings from settling in the earth beneath. Any violation of any of the provisions of this Regulation shall be punishable by a fine of twenty dollars for each day's continuance or repetition of the offence.

13. No blood-pit, dung-pit, offal-pit, or privy-well shall remain or be constructed within any slaughter-house. Any one offending against this rule shall be guilty of creating and maintaining a nuisance prejudicial to public health, and shall be required to remove the nuisance within ten days from the date of notice.

14. The owners, agents, or occupiers of all slaughter-houses are required, during the months of June, July, August and September to distribute twice in each week not less than twenty-five pounds of Chloride of Lime about their premises, and also to remove the contents of any manure-pit or manure-pile on the premises, once in each week the said premises and contents of manure-pits being hereby declared to be nuisances prejudicial to public health, unless subjected to frequent disinfection and cleaning as herein indicated.

15. *All Constables and Supervisors are enjoined, and all citizens are respectfully desired, to give information to the State Board of Health of any violation of the health laws, or of the Regulations of the Board, so that sanitary measures adopted by the latter to ensure the health of the State may be fully carried out, and all offenders promptly punished.*

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